

"War Office sends these Fleets
London 15 Aug 1867

Dear W^r Garrison

162

I hope that you
and your son and daughter have enjoyed
yourselves without interruption and without
drawback since you left London. I
should have written to you before, but
my time has been unceasingly occupied,
and I had nothing of special moment to
write to you about.

But I could not longer delay
sending you a line, because I promised
the President and Secretary of the National
Temperance League, (who waited upon
me on Saturday,) that I would in
this name invite you to attend their
annual festival which takes place at
the Crystal Palace on the 7th of September
next. My own most anxious that
you should accept their invitation and

are willing to incur my expense
that may be necessary to enable you
to give it effect. They are the
most division party and have a
good claim upon your consideration.
There is one strong reason which I
can give in favor of compliance -
It is that various suggestions have
been made to me that an opportunity
should be afforded the means of seeing
and leaving you. In connection
with the anti-slavery question I
prided it expedient that we should
not content with what was done at
W. Penn's Hall. That was in point
of fact rendered trifling and any
attempt to hold a second meeting
would only weaken the effects of
that great demonstration. But the
Temperance League's gathering is
another affair; while you attending

it would afford many thousands of persons of middle and working classes an opportunity of seeing you in a central resort. As you are likely to be in London about the first week in September I hope you may be given any to accept this invitation.

I brought H. Reed to you from its columns on you, but it declines to assert its reputation which was based upon a most careful examination of the speech delivered two years ago.

I am sorry for various reasons that you did not mention Mr. T. B. Potter in your Manchester speech. The repetition of the omission could not fail to excite comments. I hope no one has sought to prejudice your mind against one who spent thousands in the cause of the Union and the slaves when every shilling produced an impression on public opinion.

I send you two letters in
a large envelope. I hope that all
the letters and papers have safely reached
you. Mr. Thompson has not yet
returned from Manchester. I fear that
his health is still very bad, and I
very suspect that it is connected
with a disturbed state of mind.
On your return you should pass through
Leeds, I hope you will kindly call on
in visiting Mr. George Edmund Donisthorpe
and if possible have some talk with
him about his affairs. He is certainly
well and I hope willing to assist.

With kindest regards to Mr.
Fillard and your son,

I remain Ever yours faithfully
W. L. Garrison by Z.W. Chesser

-1851 copy of newspaper
Concord, N.H.

MS. A. 1.2 • v. 35, p. 84A